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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tyreese Taylor, DOB 7/19/1984, of Dixmore, Illinois, was convicted today on three counts of distributing crack cocaine, and one count of possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, in Beloit, Wisconsin, following a three-day jury trial in federal court in Madison. The jury found Taylor guilty of the charges after approximately six hours of deliberation. Taylor was acquitted of one count of aiding and abetting the distribution of crack cocaine by another individual.

At trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Anderson presented evidence which established that Tyreese R. Taylor, a/k/a "Trigger", distributed more than 90 grams of crack cocaine from January 2006 through March 2006. Taylor was also apprehended by Beloit police on May 1, 2006, in possession of more than twelve grams of crack cocaine.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled Taylor's sentencing for October 21, 2006. Due to prior convictions and the amount of crack distributed, Taylor faces a minimum mandatory penalty of 20 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison, an \$8 million fine, and at least 10 years of supervised release following his prison term.

U.S. Attorney Peterson stated, "This guilty verdict is another great example of what can be achieved through the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement."

The charges against Tyreese Taylor were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Line Area Narcotics Team, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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